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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 138
16 September 1952

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
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	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. OSI Production Manual

The Vice-Chairman distributed, for the information of the members, copies of Chapter VI of the OSI Production Manual, which supplements the NIS Standard Instructions with regard to the preparation of NIS Chapter VII (Scientific).

3. Treatment of Chapter VII for NIS 39 (China)

The Committee approved a proposal by the Coordinator of Chapter VII which provides for the following treatment of Chapter VII for NIS No. 39 (China):

a. Parts I to IV, inclusive, shall be combined to provide general coverage for the entire Area 39.

b. There shall be two divisions of the general treatment, one relating to Nationalist China, including Formosa, Hong Kong, and Macao, and the other relating to Communist China.

The Air Force member questioned whether the scientific activity in Area 39 was sufficient to warrant preparation of such a study at this time, and the Vice-Chairman undertook to obtain the views of the Chapter VII Coordinator on this matter and present them to the Committee at a later meeting.

4. Policy on combining of NIS Sections

At the request of the State member the policy relative to combining NIS Sections was discussed. It was agreed that:

a. Where an area affords only meager information

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which does not warrant publication in Section form, and the area does not potentially permit of expanded treatment, the material will be incorporated into other Sections of the Chapter, with appropriate notice that further treatment will not appear elsewhere in the NIS.

b. Where an area will potentially permit of complete Section treatment that form will be adhered to, even though, at the time of preparation, the information actually available is very meager.

c. NIS producers will coordinate, and reach agreement with CIA:D/B/RR on the combining of NIS Sections prior to preparation of manuscripts, and give written notification of the agreement reached to all other agencies having Subsection or other responsibilities in connection with the Sections involved.

In respect to the preparation of NIS in Section form where the information is very meager, the Vice-Chairman pointed out that the Comments on Principal Sources should be treated very extensively. All gaps in information should be clearly indicated to enable collection activities to direct their efforts toward procurement of needed information.

5. User Reaction to the NIS Program

In accordance with agreement reached at the last Committee meeting, the members submitted lists of the questions which their respective agencies feel should be asked during the survey of user reaction to the NIS Program. A consolidated list will be prepared by D/B and presented to the members for approval.

6. Revision of Quarterly Production Status Report

In fulfillment of his commitment, the Vice-Chairman outlined a number of changes which will be made in the Quarterly Production Status Report. The Committee approved the proposed changes.

7. Use of blue pencil in mark-up of manuscript

The Vice-Chairman requested the members to instruct contributors to refrain from using blue pencil in correcting or editing manuscript. Blue pencil has always been reserved for D/B Publication for final mark-up, and confusion results when the contributors or the coordinators make use of the blue color in manuscript delivered to D/B.

8. Uniform Control Statement

In respect to the use by Department of Defense and CIA of different security control statements the Vice-Chairman reported that the matter is under study in CIA with a view to determining what might be done toward establishing uniform control statements. He will report results of the study at a later date.

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9. NIS Production

The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that, as of this date, 11 Sections have been received in D/B. The commitment for the month is 50 Sections due, and 53 overdue, or a total of 103 for September. The State member reported that his agency expects to submit 14 Sections, with probable delivery of another 3 Sections. The Vice-Chairman requested that the members urge contributors to make every effort to meet the goal of 50 Sections.

10. Standard Alphabetical Index proposed by SOLOG Committee

The Army member reported that his agency's representative on the SOLOG Committee had requested him to obtain the views of the NIS Committee^{25X1X7} relative to the Standard Alphabetical Index of essential subjects in NIS, [REDACTED] SID, which was prepared by the SOLOG Committee. This Index was submitted to the IAC agencies for comment and/or concurrence in April 1952, and it was the consensus of these agencies that the Index was incomplete and misleading with respect to the NIS listings.

The SOLOG Committee now plans to issue the Index in its original form for use in connection with a training program for military government officers. Following discussion, the Committee decided that, while it is in full accord with the plan for using the NIS in the training program, its position with respect to the Index is the same as that of the IAC agencies as stated in their comments on this Index. The NIS Committee recommends the use of the NIS Table of Contents, and the NIS Correlation Guide in lieu of the SOLOG Standard Alphabetical Index, and the Army member will so advise the SOLOG Committee.

11. Proposed changes in Section 64I

The Army member informed the Committee that the Chief Signal Officer had proposed certain changes in the NIS Outline for Section 64I (Telecommunications signal and lighting equipment), which had been submitted to the Chapter Coordinator (State) for comment. The State member presented a number of suggested modifications of the proposed changes for consideration by the Signal Officer. The changes agreed upon between the contributor and the coordinator will be reported to the NIS Committee for final decision since they will involve a revision of the Outline Guide.

12. SHAPE Defense Information Storage Program

As a matter of information, the Army member stated that his agency has been delegated responsibility for the collection and storage, under the SHAPE Defense Information Storage Program, of certain published elements of [REDACTED] and NIS 16 (Austria), as well as for copies of elements on these areas which are still in draft form. The Program calls for storage by Army of one complete set of these NIS elements in [REDACTED] and one

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complete set in Washington, D. C. The Vice-Chairman commented as follows regarding this Program:

a. Since present authorization provides only for dissemination to SHAPE of NIS on the USSR and the Satellite countries it will be necessary to obtain IAC approval under the provisions of IAC/D/45-2 before NIS on Areas 13 and 16 may be disseminated to SHAPE.

b. After IAC approval has been obtained it will be necessary for the producing agencies to indicate whether the elements concerned are to be released to the International Staff of SHAPE, or for "US Officials Only".

c. Since NIS material in draft form is considered to be departmental intelligence until it is published as NIS, arrangements for copies of such material would have to be made with the producing agencies concerned. Further, dissemination of NIS draft material is restricted to IAC agencies under current policies.

13. JCS Priority List

The Committee discussed the need for drawing up a tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule at an early date to afford the agencies ample time to determine personnel requirements and initiate recruitment actions. It was decided to have a tentative schedule prepared by 1 January 1953. As the schedule is based upon JCS Priorities, and agency capabilities, it was agreed that a reexamination of the JCS Priority list at this time was necessary. The Vice-Chairman undertook to submit a request for such a reexamination by the JCS.

14. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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